

Pence says ruling "erodes the freedom of every American"

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement today in reaction to the Supreme Court's ruling in National Federation of Independent Business v. Kathleen Sebelius to uphold the Affordable Care Act, better known as ObamaCare:

"I am deeply disappointed in the Supreme Court's decision to uphold ObamaCare. This ruling erodes the freedom of every American, opening the door for the federal government to legislate, regulate, and mandate nearly every aspect of our daily lives under the guise of its taxing power. Today's decision affirms a massive tax increase on Hoosiers and is wholly inconsistent with the principles of personal responsibility and limited government that are enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. Congress must act immediately to fully repeal ObamaCare and protect Hoosier families, small businesses and family farms from its tax increases and mandates.

"If ObamaCare is not repealed in full, Hoosiers will face higher health care costs and increased taxes. It is estimated that the ObamaCare tax on medical devices will cost Indiana more than 2,000 jobs in the medical device sector. While the changes in the punitive measures included in ObamaCare appear to give Indiana more options, that is small compensation for higher taxes and a government mandate that reduces the freedom of every Hoosier.

"This national debate is far from over. Indiana and other states need the freedom and flexibility to develop health care solutions that best meet the needs of our citizens, without interference from Washington. We must face our challenges in health care with the belief in more freedom, not more government.

"The Supreme Court may have had its say on the last Thursday in June, but the American people will have their say on the first Tuesday in November."

Background:

- As Chairman of the House Republican Conference in 2010, Congressman Pence helped lead the opposition to ObamaCare on the floor of Congress. [Click here to read his floor speech and watch the video](#)
- Congressman Pence signed two amicus curiae briefs to the Supreme Court in support of the full repeal of ObamaCare.
- On March 21, 2010, Congressman Pence voted against the passage of ObamaCare.
- On January 19, 2011, Congressman Pence voted in favor of H.R. 2, the "Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Act," which would fully repeal ObamaCare.
- Congressman Pence has also voted to repeal sections of ObamaCare that would impose a medical device tax on Hoosier innovators, restrict access to healthcare for Medicare beneficiaries, and institute onerous tax reporting requirements on small businesses.

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